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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Situation in Indonesia
(Information as of 8:00 A.M. EST)

1. General Suharto met with cabinet ministers this afternoon in Djakarta. Radio Djakarta announced that all cabinet members "against whom security steps have not been taken" were to attend. The purpose of the meeting was to provide "explanation of the steps taken in implementation of the presidential order of March 11."

2. It seems likely that Suharto used the meeting to tell the ministers that their resignations are expected. No details of the meeting, however, are yet available.

3.
the army plans to form an interim executive government which would probably include General Suharto and several moderate civilian members of the present cabinet. This government is said to be intended only to administer essential affairs while a broader government is being formed.

4. Radio Djakarta has repeatedly broadcast a statement by General Suharto warning that "NEKOLIM" might attempt to exploit the current unrest and noting that steps must be taken to restrain undisciplined forces. The US Embassy suspects that Suharto may be setting the stage for a proclamation of martial law.

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